

I. AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 5, as shown below (this paragraph was previously amended by the amendment filed on September 27, 2005 and the amendment filed February 28, 2007):

- - This is a continuation of U.S. Patent Appl. No. 09/053,152, filed April 1, 1998, now abandoned, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Appl. No. 08/786,937, filed January 22, 1997, ~~now—abandoned,~~ which claims priority to U.S. Provisional Patent Appl. No. 60/011,282, filed February 7, 1996, the contents of each of which are incorporated herein by reference. - -